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Sir:

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO APRIL 15, 2005 OFFICE ACTION, AND PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Amendment is submitted in response to the April 15, 2005 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the April 15, 2005 Office Action was originally due July 15, 2005. Applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. \$1.136(a) and 37 C.F.R. \$1.17 (a)(3) for a three-month extension of time. The required small entity fee for a three-month extension of time is five hundred and ten dollars (\$510.00) and a check for this amount is enclosed. With a three-month extension of time, a response to the April 15, 2005 Office Action was due October 15, 2005. However, because October 15, 2005 fell on a Saturday, a response filed Monday, October 17, 2005 is to be considered timely. Accordingly, this response is being timely filed.

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